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March 31, 2015

PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

March 31, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF TWO OSMOMETERS FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO LAC+USC MEDICAL
CENTER
(1ST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request acceptance of a donation of two Osmometers valued at \$105,730 from the University of Southern California to the Department of Health Services, LAC+USC Medical Center, Department of Labs and Pathology.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Accept a donation of two Osmometers valued at \$105,730 from the University of Southern California (USC) to the Department of Health Services (DHS) LAC+USC Medical Center Department of Labs and Pathology (LAC+USC MC LAB).
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to USC for their generous donation of the two Osmometers.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations with a value in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by the Board. The LAC+USC MC LAB is the recipient of two Osmometers from USC that are needed to facilitate its ability to maintain current levels of laboratory performance while supporting and expanding HIV diagnostic testing services. This donation will provide vital support to the LAC+USC MC LAB staff handling this additional testing.

The LAC+USC Department of Emergency Medicine's (DEM) HIV screening demand has increased by more than 300% over the last year with a continued increase anticipated. The increase in HIV screening is due to the fact that LAC+USC MC now offers this testing to all patients that enter the ER. Previously, it was only offered to a select group of patients.

The HIV testing requests from the DEM remains at the increased level. The LAC+USC MC LAB performs the Osmolality testing only in batches – up to twice in an eight hour period since the current instrumentation requires manual data entry and sample loading for each specimen, one by one. This is very labor intensive and the Lab is not able to provide STAT Osmolality testing.

The donated Osmometers will allow the LAC+USC MC LAB to process STAT requests for Osmolality from the DEM because the new instruments will be interfaced with the LAC+USC MC's information system and will have automated sampling capability.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the facility to accept the donation of the two Osmometers and the second recommendation will acknowledge receipt of this generous donation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no immediate Fiscal Impact associated with the acceptance of this donation. The Osmometers are covered under warranty for the period of one year from the date of installation. Future preventive maintenance and service will be obtained via purchase order through the Internal Services Department, with the cost covered within LAC+USC MC's existing resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval. The donated Osmometers will replace obsolete equipment currently in use that requires frequent repairs to keep in operation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help support and enhance the quality of health care delivered to the community by the LAC+USC Medical Center's Department of Labs and Pathology.

CONCLUSION

Attached for your consideration is a draft letter thanking USC for their generous donation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

March 17, 2015

Ed Newton, MD
Interim Chair
Keck School of Medicine of USC
University of Southern California
1200 North State Street, Room 1011
Los Angeles, CA 90033-1029

Dear Mr. Newton:

At its meeting held March 17, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's accepted, with thanks, the donation of two Osmometers valued at \$105,730 for LAC+USC Medical Center. This donation will greatly benefit LAC+USC Medical Center and its patients.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, please accept their deep appreciation of your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

C: Michael Menchine, MD
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